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SUBJ: RICE FOR CAMBODIA

REF: STATE 159138 NOTAL

1. RTG WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INFORMED SHORTLY THAT THE US IS PROVIDING THE GKR WITH 35,000 M/T OF PL480 RICE WITH A DOLLAR VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$10.8 MILLION. SHIPMENT OF 25,000 M/T IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND 10,000 M/T BY LATE OCTOBER. THE FIRST U.S. RICE WILL PROBABLY NOT ARRIVE IN CAMBODIA BEFORE LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER.

2. WITH THE STOCKS IN HAND IN PHNOM PENH PLUS THE 10,000 M/T OF THAI RICE THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR SHIPMENT TO CAMBODIA SHORTLY, THE GKR HAS ENOUGH RICE AT BEST TO MEET RICE CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS THROUGH OCTOBER 15. THEREFORE THE GKR WILL NEED AT LEAST ONE MONTH AND A HALF SUPPLY OF RICE (APPROXIMATELY 26,000 M/T) TO MEET REQUIREMENTS THROUGH THE END OF NOVEMBER WHEN HOPEFULLY THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF U.S. RICE WILL ARRIVE.

3. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THEREFORE THAT THE PL480 RICE WILL IN

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NO WAY RESOLVE THE GKR'S RICE PROBLEMS. THAILAND IS THE ONLY

SOURCE (APART FROM PERHAPS AS MUCH AS 5,000 M/T OF RICE THAT THE  
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MAY PROVIDE) THAT THE GKR CAN TURN TO TO MEET  
ITS RICE REQUIREMENTS AT LEAST THROUGH THE END OF NOVEMBER.  
THUS THE GKR CONTINUES TO HAVE AN URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR THE 25,000

M/T OF RICE THAT THE RTG HAD EARLIER INDICATED COULD BE MADE AVAIL-

ABLE FROM THE SECOND CROP.

4. WE RECOMMEND THAT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RTG YOU STRESS THE  
FOREGOING SO THAT THE THAIS DO NOT GET THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION  
THAT THE THAI RICE IS NOT NEEDED.  
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